

Rev. J. R. Barbours.

Charlton Centre April 15. 1839

My Dear Brother,

Yours of the 9th I received on Saturday last. I forgot to tell you to direct to Charlton Centre. I therefore the letter went to the old office. In reply I would say: (1) Thank you for your readiness to help me. (2) My life insurance policy (\$1000) was effected in Boston at the Office of the Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Co. State Street near the ~~Old~~ U. S. branch bank. This policy is not pledged to any debt, nor is any thing else that I have ^{thus} pledged. I will ^{make} over the policy as security for the sum I want \$500. either to you or the person of whom you may get it. or I will ~~pledge~~ make over a sufficient number of trus to amount to a full security. I have no property but personnel. & of this my trus would be the best. I want this money, as I stated, to increase my stock of trus to plant. My present stock at $\frac{3}{4}$ of ^{the usual} ~~a~~ crop will give me 9 or 10 thousand Multiculis, Alpine, & Cantons trus, besides 10 or 12 thousand of a less valuable variety. These best kinds now sell promptly at 3 cents a bush, ~~amounting~~ ^{or} to from 75 cents to \$2.00 a tru, and for these ~~trus~~ they have not been less than

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25 or 30 cents a tree. I can therefore pledge trees
enough at say 20 cents ^{on exp} to amount to full security
say if you please 3000 good sized multicaulis
trees. The money I want for 6 or 8 months, but
would take it for a year if that should
be preferred. (3) I would advise you to take out
a policy similar to my own as you suggest.
The rate is according to the age of the appli-
cant. I think you would have to pay about 2
per cent. but you can learn all about it by
dropping into the office in State Street.
Cornelius & Wimer both have them. To me
it has been a great comfort to know that
in case of my death, every debt would
be paid, & a little left for my children.

I am exceedingly glad that the new
paper goes. It must go, - am glad too that
Wright is coming to take charge of it. This
step will seal the domination of all
New York folks in a certain quarter.
~~They~~ ^{They} have been on the eve of an
everlasting abandonment for some
time. I saw it is a game goose with
them as Jack Downing says.

By the way as to the sick business and ab-
sorption. I have got some loose plans floating
in my head. The business is now & promises to be
fine. - it is opening upon the south with

splendid prospects. I like the cotton business
in times past, will rivet the chains of the
slave with a new grip, unless its tur-
bine is counteracted by appropriate
efforts at the north. But it opens the
same prospects upon the north. I here is
one difference, ^{between this & the cotton business.} I have thought of preparing
something for abolitionists in relation to
this matter as soon as I can have a rainy
day. But the main hint I want to give
now is this. You know the
~~free~~ blacks at the north are
shut out from every shop
and counting room, and
manufactory by iron faced prejudice. Then
cannot some measures be taken to give
them an early knowledge of this new &
^{promising} ~~splendid~~ business? Their brethren at the south
will have to learn ~~the~~ parts of it, under the
lash: the simpler parts of raising trees, feeding
wolves, & reeling silk. In five years they will
all have this. If then you could get the
free blacks here a going in ^{first elements of the} business, &
in two or three years, in the manufactures
of silk. Then when the year of jubilee
comes, our blacks will mostly go home
to the land of their fathers "i.e. the south,
carrying this knowledge of the manufacture

along with them, and then mingling
with their emancipated brethren, they
will rise rapidly in wealth. I will de-
sirable improvements. It is a rough plan
of reaching such a point I have sketched

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out in my own mind, but have not
room here to give it. I will give it soon.
The question in your postscript P.S. I think I can
answer the last of the week. I know a man such
as you want I think, unless his health forbids. He is
a splendid man, has been some years for his health on
your or more, was about well the last I heard. His
minister will be here tomorrow. I will find out
about him in this respect. He lives in New Braintree.
Very truly Yours J. R. Barber

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